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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Jeanine Enewold Goldberg

In Re Application of:
Inventor(s) : Ellen M. Heath *et al.*
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For : PROCESSES FOR ISOLATING, AMPLIFYING AND
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

This is a response to the outstanding final office action, dated March 19, 2002. A petition for a three month extension of time, up to and including September 19, 2002 and a Request for Continued Examination accompanies this response.

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Item 6. The Examiner states that "[c]laims 1-3, 5-6, 11-21, 23-30, 32-33, 37, 39, 41, 45-51, 53-56, 58, 60-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boom et al (5,234,809) in view of Shieh (US Pat. 6,054,039, April 2000)."